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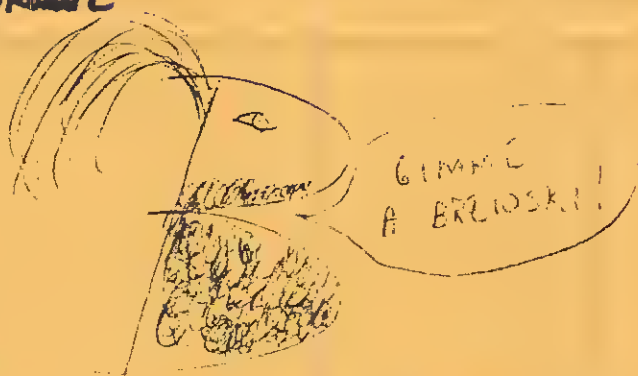


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I Volontari: standbys: Arnawoodian, Mills, Byrne, Bohner, Hart, Williams, Craig, Frueh, Givan, Haley, Swartz, and Christie. **If you play out a standby position, you get three free issues.

by BAKKO BAKKEN

No more game openings. The newest Reg Dip game in Bersaglieri has started. The Mare Nostro game is the first for 84.

Above, see the entries for the "B" contest. Due to the unoriginality of the entries, I have disqualified all of them. As a consolation prize, each person who submitted an entry: Mills, Olsen, Bakken and Wrobel will each receive 1 free issue of Bersaglieri. Better luck next time, guys.....

A small issue this time. It'll be a bigger one next time.....

Emilia Romagna END GAME STATEMENTS

1981IU

Mike Mazzer -- Russia 21 center win

You don't know how long I've been waiting for this moment. My first postal win! Now I can do what I've envied so many others doing in the past, namely, write a long, boring endgame statement in which I struggle to be humble, be graciously condescending to the poor schmucks I beat up on and thank all the "little people" who made it all possible; the GM, the zine publisher, the US Postal Service, my mother, etc.

I think the key factor that made it possible for me to win was Kathy. This was my first game with her and I was as much a victim of the force of her character as anyone. However, when she started this game, she was coming off four or five consecutive postal wins as Italy and the whole board was terrified of her. If I did do one thing right in this game, it was to realize that the great Kathy couldn't win if four or five powers ganged up on her. So I allied with her.

Kathy presented a bold plan for squeezing both Austria and Turkey. It worked pretty well, Austria was taken down to one center quickly and we were able to sit on Turkey. The problem was that before Kathy could get untangled in the East, France was on top of her.

There was a very strong French/English alliance in the West and I spent almost the entire game trying to break it up. I promised both England and France that I would help them against the other if he went for the win.

Gary played, I thought, a superior game. He was the first to agree to stab France if I would stab Kathy. I wasn't about to stab Kathy, but I sort of agreed anyway, and I set about concentrating armies against Germany and cleaning up Turkey in the South. Kathy and I managed a fake war involving an exchange of Vienna, but the real faker was Gary. He faked Kathy and I both out of our socks by running around France and throwing another fleet against Kathy. Then he came after me in the North where I had left myself exposed. At this point, Kathy and I were both in trouble. Kathy and I decided to fall back towards the Balkans and scramble for a stalemate line. With England extended on two fronts, France was becoming the power in the game. I went back to work on Woodson. I'll help you break through in Munich and "let's race for the 18" you stab England, I'll stab Italy. Finally, Woodson pulled the trigger-- a season too soon. I rallied Gary and Kathy and we managed to stop France at the goal line and roll him back. Then I decided to take a shot at it, and hoped I didn't make the same mistake France did. It worked. France's NMR in the final year sealed it.

My thanks to all of you for what I thought was a fine game. And my thanks to Tom for inviting me.

Kathy Byrne -- Italy

This game was a real joy -- Woody and I celebrated its end. We also celebrated Woody getting creamed by Mazzer. We also paid Jim Woodson \$2 to stab Gary so we could see another one of Gary's games needlessly ruined by a greedy player! Woody said he loved to see and hear Gary cry. I told James not to do it but the two bucks was worth it. Woody was so happy!
continued.....

Then there was Pat Hart, the man with the silver tongue and golden age press. His golden age press amazed the players of today - none of us could believe that boring trash was once considered press -- so Mazzer said this fossil is more boring than Mark Berch on his best day - the game will not end until we kill him. The GM was thrilled and offered to pay the other players a buck a piece to do him in. We all got rich on this game. We paid Mainardi \$20 to assure that Hart hit the grave about the time we were fed up with his silly dumb press! Dunk Woody and Berch the Bobbsey Twins! I mean how many times can anyone read about Woody and Berch.

As for Mazzer, he was a good ally...he was the only ally I ever met who offered to take centers off my hands so I wouldn't have to waste so much time on this game! Such a sweetheart -- hell, once I saw him with the garter belt and stockings -- even I was ready to give him my centers-- not to mention Woody's!

All in all, a good game to forget. As usual Tom, what can I say about your GMing --it is unique!

Woody Arnawoodian -- Turkey (standby)

As usual, Mazzer played to benefit himself. He kept his record intact by living for the stab. In this game I was only a standby but I feel bad for Coughlan, Woodson, Hart and even the Battle-ax herself, Kathy Byrne. Yes, it was Mazzer who needlessly ruined the game for all of these people.

Mike is a man without a heart. His 'good ally' Kathy who he stabbed 4 times begged him to let me live. Even though he could have won without destroying my last unit, Mike decided against that.

Many people tend to forgive and forget a stab when a game is over. Although I generally do that ((ha, ha)) this time I must make an exception. Mazzer outdid himself (which is pretty bad since he is a Nixon winner) in this one. To be quite truthful, I hope Mr. Mazzer is dropped from all postal dip zines. Never before have I had such a low opinion of anyone. Hopefully, Mazzer's play in this game will serve as a warning to all those who play against him in the future.

Tom Mainardi -- GM

I think this game was a really good one. It was hard fought and it wasn't boring or common. There wasn't a clear winner until near the end and for the most part the original people stuck with the game. Like others, I had a feeling that France had it sewn up and I was shocked at his stab of England. As others have said, it did come a little too early. Once France was attacked, it was only a matter of time for Russia to win it.

My congratulations to Mike and my thanks to all you others for playing a good game and for playing here....

END GAME STATEMENT FOR ENGLAND(Gary Coughlan) in 1981 IU "Bersaglieri"
Emilia-Romagna :

I had enjoyed knowing Mike Mazzer(Russia) in the hobbybut had nwer played with him in a game with him before. Tom Mainardi, our GM, was good enough to help set up such a game, and with maps--something which really adds to a Diplomacy game, at least for me.

An added delight was Kathy Byrne, as Italy, a position which she had won three times before with. My England allied from the first with France and after that wavered between Germany and Russia, in part due to Frances (James Woodson's) penchant for stabbing me to "liven up" the game. He did this two times. This and my reaction to the stabs, enabled Russia to achieve the upper hand.

I greatly enjoyed Pat Hart's (Austria's) press and he was a terrific fighter till the end. Kathy never gave up as Italy--I'd like to do each of my game positions in the way she handled her Italy.

My greatest praise, however, goes to Mike Mazzer. It is pure pleasure to play in a game with Mike. I've never known him ~~him~~ to be unpleasant. , he always had press, he always seemed to write each player. His letters to memade me out to be the greatest of players, the most magnificent of press writers, the loyalest of allies. I knew none of it was true but it made such wonderful pick-me-ups when I had bad days elsewhere. My Mazzer Tonic I calls it!

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And I'd also like to point out the fact that Mike NMRed one critical season. But he didn't lose his head, he kept plugging away, he regained his position and he went on to win the game with 21 centers. Mike Mazze is a formidable player. He is also one of the nicest guys in the hobby. I had a lot of fun in this game and a lot of it was due to Mike. Hope we meet again in another game somewhere. Congratulations, Mike!!

John Congdon

EMILIA-ROMAGNA 1981-IU Endgame Statement by Bob Olsen

Frankly, I never had a chance in this game. When you go up against a consummate genius like Mike Mazzer, you might just as well have never been in the game at all--that's how much chance you have of doing well. In this one Mazzer defeated some top players, such as James Woodson, Gary Coughlan, and Kathy Byrne, as well as some bottom players, such as Woody and me. And he did it all with elan and panache, as usual.

Not only did Mazzer win, but he won with 21 centers, thus demonstrating his enormous tactical style and flair (to coin a phrase). In another year, Mike would doubtless have won with 34 centers, or possibly even 35, if he could sweet-talk the GM into giving him a Flying Dutchman (Mazzer could sweet-talk an Eskimo into buying a box of snow...Mazzer could sweet-talk the Arabs into giving back Amanda...well, you get the picture). In fact, so enormously impressive is this victory of Mike's that I plan to have 5 copies of the 81-IU endgame states made up and distributed to the other players in that new gamestart Mike and I have...

1981 IU Endgame Statement

Austria (Pat Hart)

This was my second postal game ever. I thought (foolishly) that appeasement was the way to go (so it's not original). Being the new kid on the block couldn't hurt either (grow up!).

Well, it looked like Pearl Harbor (history does repeat itself) in record time. Both Russia and Italy were looking at me as if they hadn't eaten in a month and I was a chicken fried gizzard (yummy!). The western powers seemed uninterested while the turkey in Turkey was busy NMRing out. With friends like these I soon escaped to my vacation retreat in Tunis. I had bought it earlier from Italy using an assumed identity.

So, I blitzed (begged) England, France and Germany with letters to turn eastward before the Italian-Russian alliance was unstoppable. They agreed to help return me to my homeland (actually, they just wanted to win). The WOPS (Western Ocean Powers), under the direction of Admiral Bigredone was born and the drive eastward began its continuous advance.

The tide turned as France overran Italy's homeland (kindred souls at last) and England forced Russia homeward up north. With victory (my imminent return) at hand, the single most important event occurred -- Woody took over the Turkish position. This rallied the eastern alliance into a frenzy and drove France mad. He wiped out my last unit (obviously thinking I was Woody) ending the game (I couldn't liberate my homeland). I was cheered to find out the rest of the board was so upset that they all attacked France to teach him a lesson.

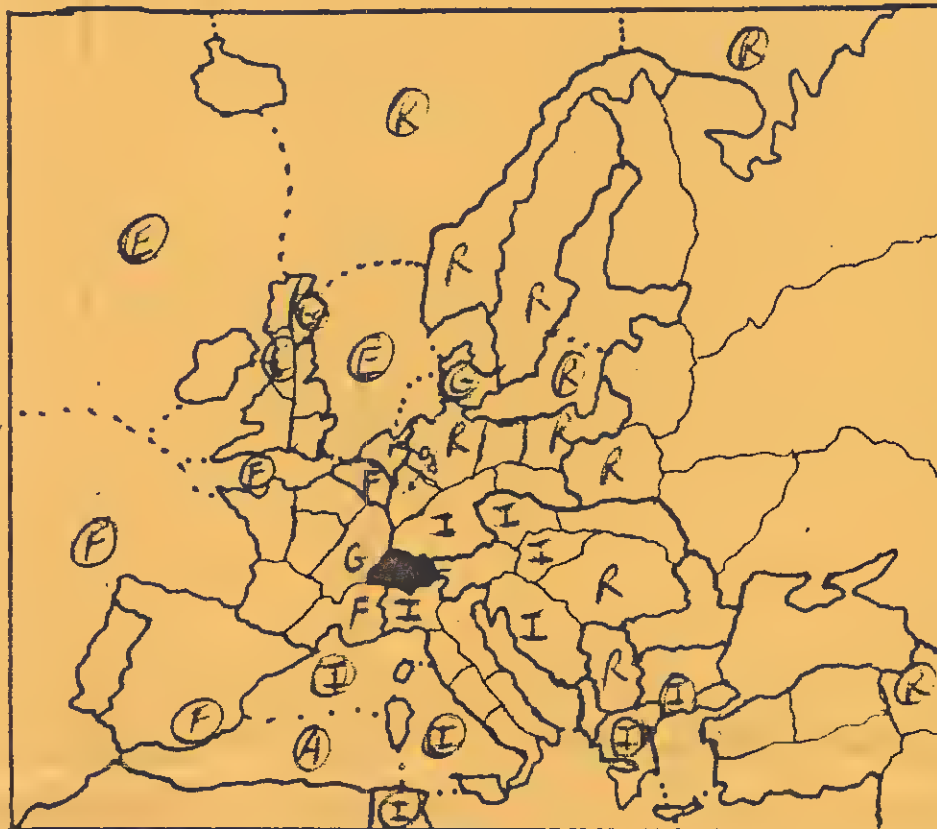
Yes, I'm one of the little people that helped Russia to his win. If it wasn't for me (can we talk?), it would've been an Italian-Russian draw. Sorry 'ol gal, but girls just wanna have fun. Right Mike? Byrne?

CONGRATULATIONS. Oh yeah, I hereby retire Dunk Hanson and Byrne!



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SPRING '06



Italo-Russians consolidate as the West prepares a last-ditch defence.....

Winter '05

ENGLAND: Retreats F Nwy-NTH
Removes A Bel.

ITALY: Builds A VEN

RUSSIA: Builds F STP(nc),
A WAR, A MOS.

Spring '06 orders:

AUSTRIA (Hart): F Tun-WMED.

ENGLAND (Byrne): F Nth-EDI,
F Nao-CLY, F Iri-LPL.

FRANCE (Christie): F Mao-SPA(s),
F Bre-MAO, F Wal-ENG, A Pic-BEL, A MAR-Pie.

GERMANY (Craig): F EDI-Nth,
F DEN S F Edi-Nth, A BUR-Mun,
A KIE Holds--d, ret to Hol, Ruh OTB.

ITALY (Arnawoodian): A Ven-TRI

A Tri-VIE, F GRE Holds, F BUL(sc) Holds, F Ion-TUN, F TYR S F Ion-Tun,
F Tus-LYO, A PIE-Mar, A MUN S RUS A Ber-Kie, A BOH S A Mun.

RUSSIA (Williams): A Mos-WAR, A War-PRU, F Bla-ARM, A BUD S A Ser, A SER S
A Bud, A Ber-KIE, F StP(nc)-BAR, A NWY-Cly, F NWG C A Nwy-Cly, A SWE-Den,
F BAL S A Ber-Kie.

Deadline for Fall '06 orders is Wed., November 14th.

Kathy Byrne is the new English player and Howard Christie is the new French player.

Press: Woody-GM: You have just ruined this game, putting a woman in it. Actually, Byrne is not even a woman. She's a baglady, a true battle-ax!

Eng-Fra(whoever you are): Use your brain and lay off.

Austria-GM: Thanks for your support into the Hall Of Fame. And to think I thought you didn't care.

GM-Austria: M'infischio pure.

Paris-Rome: Sorry, but no deal. Russia has offered me a better deal than you

Woody-Byrne: I just want you to know, we'll have no draws until you're wiped out!

Eng-Ger: I didn't know your address or I would have written. Isn't it about time an E/F/G was formed to try and keep R & I from blowing us away!

Austria-England: I'll get you yet my pretty!

Paris-StPete: Here I go!! How long until you bury your knife?!

Eng-Ita: I used Woody paper.

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Eng-Russia: Get out of this game -- I want SOCRATES!!

Eng-GM: Thanks for this great position -- I hope you choke on some pasta!
GM-Eng: I only give hopeless positions to hopeless bagladies...
Austria: Russia, U.S. and China are the only countries that are not

Austria-Italy: I will grapple with thee....

Austria-Bourse: Can't you guys do anything right? First you send Woody and now a woman (Diana) to get me. Who's next? Phyllis? Elsie?

F. Tun-F Tyr: Going somewhere?

F Tun-F Tyr: Going somewhere?

AUSTRIA (Mills): A GAL-War,
A BUD S A Rum, A RUM S A Sev,
A SEV S A Rum, A SER S F Gre.
F GRE S RUS F Bla-Bul(ec)(nso).

FRANCE (Givan); F Eng-BEL,
A BUR S F Eng-Bel, A MAR-Pie,
F LYO-Tyr, F Spa(sc)-WMED.

ITALY (Swartz): A VEN-Pie,
F NAP-Tyr, A Tun-APU, F ION C A
Tun-Apu.

TURKEY (Haley): F AEG-Ion,
F Smy-BMED, A ARM-Sev, A BUL-Ru

Press is on next page.....

Delaware press....

Russia-Germany: Hey, that's cute! You let me into Sweden and attack Warsaw!

Fra-Tur: Yeah, this may have saved you from Italy; but what about Austria? And what about me?

Wien Zeitung: Das Chancellor is dead. After leading the 4077th Tank Corp. to many victories over the vicious slime in Turkey, a stray shot from the 4077th practice range ended his life. Like Jackson, he was a stonewall, and like him, his unestimable value to the cause will make everyone wish the war had not even started.

StPete-Ank: What can I say? I'm fighting for my survival. Welcome to Big Leagues, kid. Sorry.

Fra-Rus: We're in trouble, aren't we.

Madman-Mattman: I'm not a crossgamer but you may be one. If you want to get back at me in this game for the Wyoming game, here's your chance. C'mon, Matt...show us what a macho man you are by playing a game with strategy instead of playing the people!

Fra-World: The mysterious apparent disappearance of Carl Russell from the Kingdom of Dip has me completely bumfoozled. Anybody know what's going on? Another feud?

Bakko-GM: Pssst...do you think I've scared anybody yet?

GM-Bakko: I don't know...but they're still attacking you...

R-F: I just wanted to point out to you that I wrote some press for the Utah Bourse. And I hope you did notice my orders last season!

Dale-Evans: Where's Roy and Trigger and Bullet and Pat and Nellie Belle?

Madtown-World: If I can't stab Evans, I offer a bouty to the first guy who does. He gets a six-pack of Old Style and a nomination to be an honorary member of the Mid-West Mob.

Dale-Evans(again): "Oh, Roy! What are we going to do?" Roy: "Don't worry, Dale. I've prayed to God and I sold the California Angels to Gene Autry."

Russia-Austria: Did you know I still pee in my pants? No self-respecting Dip player would attack someone who still pees in the pants!

Switzerland: How do you get five pounds of meat out of a fly? Open Dale Bakken's zipper.....

1902 Supply Center Chart

Aus: Home, Ser, Gre, Sev, RUM 7 centers. Has 6 units: Build 1.

Eng: Home, ~~Bel~~, Nwy, STP 5 centers. Has 5 units: Even.

Fra: Home, Por, Spa, BEL 6 centers. Has 5 units: Build 1.

Ger: Home, Hol, Den 5 centers. Has 5 units: Even.

Ita: Home, Tun 4 centers. Has 4 units: Even.

Rus: Mos, ~~STP~~, War, ~~Rum~~, CON, SWE 4 centers. Has 4 units: Even.

Tur: ~~STP~~, Ank, Smy, Bul 3 centers. Has 4 units: Remove 1.

WYOMING Supply Center Chart for 1907

Aus: Home, Ser, Gre, Bul, Rum, Con, Smy, Sev, Mos, WAR, VEN, ROM: 14 centers.
Has 11 units: Build 3.

Eng: Bre, Edi: 2 centers. Has 2 units: Even.

Ger: Home, Hol, Bel, Den, Swe, ~~War~~, Par, ~~STP~~, Lon, ~~STP~~, STP: 10 centers.
Has 12 units: Remove 2.

Ita: ~~STP~~, Nap, Tun, Spa, Mar, Por, LPL: 6 centers. Has 6 units: Even.

Rus: ~~STP~~, Nwy, Ank: 2 centers. Has 3 units: Remove 1.



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FALL '07

What's happening in
this game?...

Summer '07

Ger: Retreats A Swe-Den,
A War-Lvn.

Ita: Retreats A Bur-Gas.

Fall '07 orders:

AUSTRIA (Bakken): A MOS S A
War, A SEV S A Mos, A Gal-SIL,
A WAR S A Gal-Sil, A BOH-Mun,
A TYR S A Boh-Mun, F Nap=Rom,
A VEN S F Nap-Rom, F WMED S ITA
F Por-Mao, A Con-BUL, A Smy-COI
ENGLAND (Craig): F Bre-ENG,
F EDI Holds.

GERMANY (Fleming): F NTH-Nwy,
A STP S F Nth-Nwy, A LVN S A
StP, A DEN S F Bot-Swe, F Bot-
SWE, F Ber-PRU, A KIE S A Bur-
Mun, A BUR-Mun, F Bel-PIC,
A PAR S F Bel-Pic, A Lon-WAL,
A Rom-APU.

ITALY (Hart): A LPL snickers-
Holds, F Nao-NWG, F Mao-IRI,
F Por-MAO, A Pie-MAR, A GAS S
A Pie-Mar.

RUSSIA (Larzelere): F NWY S
F Swe, F FIN S F Swe, F SWE S
F NWY--d, ret to Ska, Bal, OTB

Deadline for Winter '07 builds and Spring '08 orders is Wed., Nov. 14th.
There has been a proposal for a concession to Austria. Please vote with
your next set of orders. Not voting is a "Yes" vote. (see page for Supply Center Chan

Press: Rom-Bud: I know. I know. I made you do it.

England-World: Rome-Budapest--"Hey, how about a bar-b-que? Great what are
we having? London broiled steak, of course! Sounds good, and I'll bring
German chocolate cake for desert! Sounds good to me--"

Berlin-Bud: Lies, lies, all lies! Congrats on the win.

Budapest-Berlin: Hey, this Pat Hart isn't such a bad fellow after all!

Rom-Mun: "What could a 6-center Italy do to an 11-center Germany?" (beats
me) "You don't even have two units next to one of my centers." (got me
there -- I'm already in one) "I don't see how you could throw this game
anyway." (no threat, just a promise) Now, don't squirm too much and you
might survive.

Munich-Rome: Grrrrrrr.

AH-Italy: Go forth, young man; go hither, go yon, and make this a safe
place for the Dual Monarchy and his Italian brother.

Rom-StP: Pope Pat hereby cedes all of Scandinavia to the Tsar.

Kiel: I'll be a bust, be a bust, be a bust in the Hall of Fame!

GM-Kiel: But are you a good witch or a bad witch?

press continued.....

Wyoming press continued

Rom-Edi: ~~o~~ Strike 'o betrayed puppet!

Italy-World: Doom Despair and agony on thee,
Deep dark depression, excessive misery,
If it weren't for my press you'd have no press atall,
Doom despair and agony on thee.

World-Italy: Yes, your press does cause us agony.

NEW GAME STARTS

NAME: MARE NOSTRO
BN: 1984??

(PRONOUNCED: MAH-RAY
No-STRO)

PLAYERS:

AUSTRIA -- Don Williams 217-B Craig Ct., Redlands, CA 92374
ENGLAND -- John Caruso 160-02 43rd Ave., 2nd Floor, Flushing, NY 11358
FRANCE -- Mike Cannon 13801 Wisteria Dr., Germantown, MD 20874
GERMANY -- Mark Klansek 1934 Columbia Pk., Apt. 8, Arlington, VA 22204
ITALY -- Ed Wrobel 3932 N. Forestdale Ave., Dale City, VA 22193
RUSSIA -- Don Swartz 155 Vernon Ave., #2, Louisville, KY 40206
TURKEY -- Howard Christie PO Box 115, Millville, PA 17846

Deadline for Spring '01 orders is Wed., November 28th.

I'm giving you guys two extra weeks for negotiation for the first turn only. After the first season is played, the following ones will fall into place with the rest of the games.

The game name (an Italian one, Ed) is Mare Nostro which means Our Sea. It refers to Roman and Italian aspirations of domination of the Mediterranean Sea. Of course, the Romans did dominate it in their time. Modern-day Italy was not so fortunate -- unless you'd want to consider Venitian and other Italian traders in the Middle Ages.

I'd like to welcome you all to the game. Some of you have played in Bersaglieri before and others have not. I strive to get game results out as soon as possible, but as should it be with us all, Dip is not my entire life. Past players have been very amiable as far as game results are concerned. I may be a little slow, but I rarely make an adjudication mistake. Maps will accompany every season result to give you a quick reference to the results.

Buona Fortuna a tutti.....

UTAH BOURSE

EBSLC Holdings Report for Spring '06

Press:

Aries-Givan: How about NMRing so I can play catch-up?

AA-83S: Hey! Hey! Peters has finally NMRed out of this game! I guess the idea of getting beaten by Woody was too much for his battered ego!

Dale-ExEng: Na na na na na, hey hey, good-bye!

AA: What's this? We've lost the Dreampuffo too! That's a big big loss

Season F'06

		<u>SELL</u>	
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Aus Kroner	x	.29	=
Eng Pounds	x	1.47	=
Fre Francs	x	1.22	=
Ger Marks	x	.99	=
Ita Lire	x	2.38	=
Rus Rubles	x	3.08	=
Pia Piastres	x	X	=
Total			=

		<u>BUY</u>	
	amt.	value	
Aus Kroner	x	.29	=
Eng Pounds	x	1.47	=
Fre Francs	x	1.22	=
Ger Marks	x	.99	=
Ita Lire	x	2.38	=
Rus Rubles	x	3.08	=
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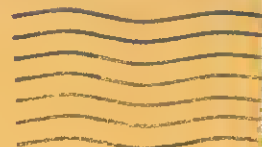
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